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Luangpho Phet Wat Tha Luang

**Phichit**

Phichit is situated in the lower Northern Region of Thailand. The name “Phichit” means “The Beautiful Town”. It was probably founded by Phraya Khotthabong in 1056. During the Sukhothai period (1238-1350), the community was named “Sa Luang” which was one of the important town of Sukhothai. Phichit was named again in Ayutthaya period (1350-1767) as “Okhaburi” (Town in the Swamp) and it was the place where King Sanphet VIII or “Phrachao Suea” of Ayutthaya was born. Phichit was designated as a province during Rattanakosin period, in the reign of King Rama V (1868-1910). The Thai famous legend “Kraithong”, the love story was also originated in Phichit. It was so impressive that the story has been well-known through out the country so the province itself is also known as “the Land of the Legend”.

Covering an area of 4,531.013 square kilometers, Phichit consists of a topography of a basin in the central part and a gradual high plain on the east side. The province's main occupation is agriculture, followed by the wholesale, retail and service industries. The major produce is corn, mung bean, and fisheries.

## ADMINISTRATION

Phichit is administratively divided into 12 districts; namely, Amphoe Mueang Phichit, Amphoe Bang Mun Nak, Amphoe Pho Prathap Chang, Amphoe Pho Thale, Amphoe Sam Ngam, Amphoe Taphan Hin, Amphoe Tap Khlo, Amphoe Wang Sai Phun, Amphoe Wachirabarami, Amphoe Sak Lek, Amphoe Dong Charoen and Amphoe Bueng Na Rang.

## BOUNDARIES

North	: borders with Phitsanulok
South	: borders with Nakhon Sawan
East	: borders with Phetchabun
West	: borders with Kamphaeng Phet and Nakhon Sawan

## HOW TO GET THERE

### By Car:

*Route 1*—Travel along Highway No.1 at Ayutthaya switch to Asia Road at Nakhon Sawan, proceed along the route of Nakhon Sawan-Chumsaeng-Bang Mun Nak-Taphan Hin-Phichit (Highway No.1118). Total distance is about 345 kms.

*Route 2*—From Bangkok, take Highway No.1 then, at Ayutthaya switch to Asia Road. At Amphoe Inburi, Sing Buri Province, follow the route Takfa-Khaosai-Saklek (Highway No.11). At Ban Saklek, proceed along highway no.111. Total distance is about 344 kms.

*Route 3*—From Bangkok, take Highway No.1 then, at Ayutthaya switch to Asia Road. At Amphoe Inburi, Sing Buri Province, follow the route Takfa-Khaosai (Highway No.11). Switch to the road Khosai-Taphan Hin-Phichit (Highway No.113). Total distance is about 338 kms.

*Route 4*—From Bangkok, take Highway No.1 then, at Ayutthaya switch to Asia Road. At Nakhon Sawan switch to the route Nakhon Sawan-Phitsanulok (Highway No.117). At Amphoe Sam Ngam, follow the route Sam Ngam-Phichit (Highway No.115). Total distance is 360 kms.

*Route 5*—From Bangkok, take Highway No.1 then, at Ayutthaya switch to Asia Road. At Nakhon Sawan switch to the route Nakhon Sawan-Phitsanulok (Highway No.117) at K.M. 72-73, Pho Prathap Chang intersection, turn

right to Amphoe Mueang Phichit for 31 kms., Total distance is 330 kms.

**By Bus** Bus service between Bangkok and Phichit is available many times a day at the Northern Bus terminal (Chatuchak), Tel. 1490 www.transport.co.th and Phichit Bus Terminal Tel. 0 5699 0964, 0 5665 0388

**By Train** The State Railway of Thailand has provided the round trip service between Hua Lamphong Railway Station, Bangkok and Phichit many times a day. For more information, contact Tel. 0 2222 4444, 1690 www.railway.co.th

**Local Transportation**

There are various modes of local transportation for visitors to choose from:

- Song Thaeo, a local form of transport running around the provincial town, available at community areas like Phichit Terminal.
- Motor tricycle and taxi motorcycle running within downtown Phichit, with starting points at the Phichit Bus Terminal. The fare can be either agreed by distance or chartered.

**Distances from town to neighbouring districts**

Sam Ngam	18 kilometre
Sak Lek	20 kilometre
Pho Prathap Chang	25 kilometre
Wachirabarami	26 kilometre
Taphan Hin	28 kilometre
Wang Sai Phun	31 kilometre
Tap Khlo	44 kilometre
Bang Mun Nak	50 kilometre
Pho Thale	66 kilometre
Dong Charoen	78 kilometre
Bueng Na Rang	86 kilometre

**Distances from Phichit to Nearby Provinces**

Phitsanulok	73 kilometre
kamphaeng Phet	90 kilometre
Nakhon Sawan	113 kilometre
Phetchabun	129 kilometre

**ATTRACTIONS**  
**Amphoe Mueang Phichit**  
**Wat Tha Luang (วัดท่าหลวง)**

This monastery is situated on the west bank of Nan River near the Provincial Hall, housing a bronze Chiang Saen style Buddha Image, cast in the attitude of subduing evil, in the main shrine hall. The image is believed to have been brought from the north, by “Khun Phaen”, to be enshrined here. The name of the Buddha image is “Luangpho Phet” having the lap width of 1.40 meters with 1.60 meters in height and regarded an important Buddha image of Phichit which is highly respected by Phichit inhabitants. Open daily: 09.00 a.m.–04.00 p.m. For more information Tel. 0 5661 2585, 0 5661 5359, 08 1727 7527.

**Phichit Provincial Museum (พิพิธภัณฑสถานจังหวัดพิจิตร)**

situated at the City Hall of Phichit (a former building), is a governmental building established to be a learning resource for the general public, providing an exhibition and collection of information of the way of life, wisdom, ethnic groups, religion, beliefs, culture, and tradition of the people in Phichit. The Museum features 10 exhibition rooms about Phichit including history, the present, traditional Thai music, local wisdom, the way of life, Buddhist religion, mineral resources, Phichit’s important persons,



language and literature, and ethnic groups. Open daily between 08.30 a.m.-04.30 p.m. For further information, please contact the Phichit Cultural Office, Tel. 0 5661 2675-6.

### **Bueng Si Fai (บึงสีไฟ)**

is a nice place for relaxation and picnic dining. This 12,000 rai swamp, (2.5 rais is equivalent to 1 acre) located 1 km. west of Phichit Market, having water all year round, is a fish breeding source surrounded by lotus. The figure of a huge crocodile, Phya Chalawan, lies in front of Bueng Si Fai, since Phichit was full of crocodiles. *Interesting attractions in Bueng Si Fai are as follows;*

### **Suan Somdech Phra Srinagarindra Phichit (สวนสมเด็จพระศรีนครินทร์พิจิตร)**

It is the first park of its kind in Thailand. In 1984, the Phichit Provincial Administration in cooperation with the Department of Non-formal Education established the park on the whole area of 170 rais. Within the park is a large pond called “Bueng Si Fai” where a giant pavilion has been built for recreational purpose. The pavilion can be accessed by a linking bridge. Along the edge of the pond and the walkway around, it is decorated with big trees and flower plants. In addition, there is a grassy slope used as a stage for public entertainment on weekends.



### **Phaya Chalawan Statue** (รูปปั้นพญาละวัน)

is located in front of the Bueng Si Fai. It is a crocodile figure 38 meters long, 6 meters wide, and 5 meters high. Inside the crocodile body is a meeting room with seating capacity at most 30 seats in the stomach which dimensions are as follow: 30 meters long, 3 meters high and 4.5 meters is the length of the head.

### **Chaloem Phrakiat Aquarium** (สถานแสดงพันธุ์ปลาเฉลิมพระเกียรติ)

is a building in the shape of a nine-sided star projecting over the Si Fai Lake. It consists of aquariums of more than 20 species of fish. Fish are on display on a rotational basis. The middle part of the building features a channel for seeing and feeding fish. The aquarium is open on weekdays from 09.00 a.m.-06.00 p.m., and at weekends from 09.00 a.m.-07.00 p.m. For more information Tel. 0 5661 1309

### **Three-dimension Waterfall** (น้ำตกสามมิติ)

is the drawing of a 3D picture of a waterfall and a picture of the Chalawan legend onto the surface of the road that makes it look like visitors are in the real waterfall and the Kingdom of Chalawan (Crocodile King), located at the area of the bird watching tower in Bueng Si Fai. Visitors are required to watch from a high view at a 45-degree angle, particularly, during 10.00-11.00 a.m. The sunlight will make an angle with the picture that makes it look like visitors are under the real waterfall, which could credit to be the first amazing picture of Thailand.

### **Water Lily Park** (อุทยานบัว)

is an attraction and water lily species study center, located in the south of Bueng Si Fai. The Park features three water lily exhibition buildings, which are the collection of information and knowledge resource of water

lilies and their species in Thailand at Bueng Si Fai, a public park for relaxation and exercise where a variety of water lily species are selected and being planted in the bowls for visitors to admire; additionally, there is a high tower for sightseeing the lake view of Bueng Si Fai and various types of water fowl inhabiting around this reservoir. This place could be a new natural learning attraction of Phichit that can attract tourists. Furthermore, the Park provides a bridge for sightseeing Bua Daeng (Red Indian Water Lily) where visitors can walk on the bridge that was built overhanging into Bueng Si Fai to see the water lily up close.

### **Chaomae Thapthim Tha Lo Shrine**

(ศาลเจ้าแม่ทับทิมท่าล้อ)

is located on the eastern bank of the Nan River; its back is near the railway track of the Northern Line (Bangkok-Chiang Mai). Inside, there is Chaomae Thapthim (Tui Buai Teng Niang) or the Thapthim Goddess as the principal statue, Chaopho Kuan U or the Kuan U God on the right side, and Chaopho Pun Thao Kong and Pun Thao Ma on the left side. According to history and existing evidence, the statues of the Thapthim Goddess and the Kuan U God were invited from Hainan Island, Guangdong, People's Republic of China around 1867. At that time, an owner of a shipyard who lived in the village of Tha Lo, invited the goddess from China and donated 2 rafts of teak logs for building a giant shrine for the goddess and the god, as well as being a place of worship for the villagers and believers from near and far. In addition, the shrine also served as a place for teaching Chinese and Thai texts to children in the village. Since then, trade has been more



prosperous and the community has developed. The shrine possesses valuable objects. The palanquin of the goddess which was brought from China is a hardwood structure wholly carved into floral patterns and animal figures according to Chinese art. Two sets (16 pieces) of the magic objects featuring the symbolic attributes of the eight Chinese deities are priceless ones specifically made from Guangzhou at that time.

The shrine has been famous for the sacredness and magic power of the goddess and the god since the beginning. Followers of the shrine, from near and far, have been blessed with happiness, prosperity, and harmlessness.

*To get there:* Take Highway 111 (Phichit-Sak Lek). Turn left into the lane of Wat Wichittraram, pass the Tha Lo Market, and then turn left.

### **Wat Rong Chang (วัดโรงช้าง)**

located in Tambon Rong Chang, this monastery is on Phichit-Wang Chik Road about 5 kms. far from town. During the reign of Praya Kottabong, this area was called “Kong Chang” (Elephant gathering) because it was a rest area of elephant and mahouts. The word was later become “Khleng Chang”. Until the school was officially established, the monastery was renamed “Wat Rong Chang”

Within the monastery compound, there are 3 giant Buddha images in different postures: Subduing Mara, Reclining and Restraining. The most interesting thing is the big Chedi with an underground room used for keeping the bricks that 84,000 sections of the Buddhist Scripture are inscribed. The construction of the hidden room is based on the foreseen view that there might be an unexpected event such as a



*City Pillar Shrine*

nuclear war, which can erase the existence of the Buddhist Scripture in the world.

### **The Old City Park (อุทยานเมืองเก่าพิจิตร)**

located on Phichit-Wang Chik Road, about 8 kms. from Phichit township. It is believed that this area used to be the old Phichit town approximately 900 years ago. In the park, there is an arboretum, a peaceful relaxing place for local people. In addition, there are Ko Si Mala, Tham Chalawan and sculptures of important features from a Thai literature “Kraithong”.

*Interesting attractions in the park are as follows;*

#### **City Pillar Shrine (ศาลหลักเมือง)**

The shrine has been placed on the second floor



*Wat Mahathat*

of the two-storey building. The statue of “Phya Khottabong” or so-called “Pho Pu” is housed on the first floor. The building is surrounded by many trees. This provides a pleasant scene. In addition, there is a recreation pavilion.

#### **Wat Mahathat** (วัดมหาธาตุ)

This monastery is located approximately 300 meters from Wat Nakhon Chum, also in the area of the old city presumed to have been constructed in Sukhothai period. Objects of art found from excavation made in this temple are potter and Buddha images of various eras.

#### **Tham Chalawan** (ถ้ำชาละวัน)

The cave has its origin from the literature “Krai Thong” wrote by King Rama II. It is 1 meter wide 1.50 meters long and 4 meters deep. The local tale says that over 65 years ago, a Buddhist

monk of Wat Nakhon Chum walked with a candle into the cave and did not reach the cave when the candle was burnt out. Therefore, nobody can tell how beautiful the cave inside is. At present, the cave is lesser deep because it has been gradually destroyed by time. The statues of Krai Thong and Chalawan are installed at the cave entrance.

#### **Ko Si Mala** (เกาะศรีมณฑล)

is an earth mound that looks like a small island in the shallow moat outside the old town wall. It is premised that it might have been a fortress or a guard tower since its location is out of the town and in the moat.

**To get there:** Take Highway No.115 (Phichit-Sam Ngam-Wang Chik route) and switch to Highway No.1068 toward Km 6.





Wat Nakhon Chum

### **Wat Nakhon Chum** (วัดนครชุม)

This is an ancient monastery located in Tambon Mueang Kao in the area of the old city, 11 kms. from the township area. It had been utilized as a place where an oath, through water drinking, ceremony took place in the old days. This is, however, the place where an old main Shrine Hall and the 800-year-old Buddha image are located.

### **Wat Hua Dong** (วัดหัวดง)

is located in Mu 7, Tambon Hua Dong, around 10 kms. to the south of the town of Phichit, on the Phichit-Taphan Hin route. The temple was built in 1870, and first established the assembly hall boundary in 1925. It covers an area of 40 rais. Interestingly, on 17 February 1995, the 5-inch



Wat Hua Dong

lap-width brass life-like image of Luangpho Ngoen was found inside the over 20-year-old Inthanin (Queen's flower) tree. Luangpho Ngoen was a famous Buddhist master revered by many people.

### **Wat Khao Rup Chang** (วัดเขารูปช้าง)

This Wat is located approximately 15 kms. south of Phichit on Phichit-Taphan Hin Road having its remain shrine hall built on a hilltop where white rocks stack up forming an elephant figure. A walking Buddha and replica of the Buddha's footprints are housed in this monastery.

### **Amphoe Pho Prathap Chang**

#### **Wat Pho Prathap Chang** (วัดโพธิ์ประทับช้าง)

located in Tambon Pho Prathap Chang, 24 kms south of Klong Khachen-Lamnam Nan Kao Road, is an ancient monastery surrounded by walls and once was used by King Narai, the Great as a camp site for his troops in a northern trip. It is also the place where King Suea or King Sanphet VIII was born. This ancient temple built in 1699-1701 under the rule of Somdet Phra Suriyenthathibodi or King Suea who was formerly Khun Luang Sorasak of the Ayutthaya period, to be the memorial of his birthplace. It is located east of the old Phichit River. In front of the temple is an over 200-year-old Takhian (Malabar ironwood) tree measuring 7.6 meters in diameter or the arm length of seven people. On the temple compound, there is a Wihan or a towering large Ayutthaya-styled image hall surrounded by double walls. The Fine Arts Department registered the hall as a national ancient monument in 1935. At present, it has undergone restoration as a treasure for future generations. The people of Pho Prathap Chang

also established the Monument of King Suea beside the Pho Prathap Chang District Office.

**To get there:** The temple is around 27 kms. from the town of Pho Prathap Chang. Follow Highway No.1068 (Phichit-Wang Chik route) and turn left around K.M. 12 or 13 to take Highway No.1300. Go straight ahead and then turn left. The temple is on the right-hand side.

### **Amphoe Wang Sai Phun**

#### **Khao Phanom Pha Gold Mine** (เหมืองแร่ทองคำเขาพนมพา)

is located in Mu 7, Ban Khao Phanom Pha, Tambon Nong Phra. It features a small isolated hill covering an area of approximately 200 rais. It is the first and only open gold mine in Thailand that allows people to buy ore smelted from the Phanom Pha Mountain and bring it to the place provided by the Phichit Provincial Administration Organization for sifting out gold from it. Visitors are welcome daily to see how the villagers get the gold. For further details, contact the Phichit Provincial Administration Organization at Tel. 0 5661 2854.

### **Wat Yang Sam Ton** (วัดยางสามต้น)

is located in Tambon Nong Phra on Highway No.11. On the temple compound, there is a Wihan or an image hall of the giant image of Luangpho Ngoen and other life-like images of famous Buddhist monk masters.

### **Amphoe Taphan Hin**

#### **Phra Buddha Ket Mongkhon** (พระพุทธเกตุมงคล หรือหลวงพ่อดิตะพานหิน วัดเทพปราสาท)

This is otherwise called "Luangpho To Taphan Hin". This is the largest sitting Buddha Image, openly enshrined in Wat Theva Prasat, of the





*Phra Buddha Ket Mongkhon*

North. The construction was completed in 1970 having the lap width of 20 meters with 30 meters in height and its name was bestowed by H.M. the King as “Phra Buddha Ket Mongkhon”

### ***Wat Phra Phutthabat Khao Ruak***

*(วัดพระพุทธรูปเขาหลวง)*

located in Mu 5 Tambon Wang Lum, about 10 kms. far from Amphoe Taphan Hin. Within the monastery, there is a replica of the Buddha’s footprints, an imitation from Wat Phra Phutthabat Saraburi.

There is the museum of “Phra Achan Ngon Sorayo”, the famous Buddhist monk who had usually stays at the monastery during Buddhist lent in the rainy season. He had built Phra Phutthawimok, the Buddha image in



*Wat Phra Phutthabat Khao Ruak*



*Wat Tap Khlo*

meditation with the lap width of 29 inches, and gave it to schools throughout the country. There is also a small zoo which has a lot of animals in peaceful atmosphere.

### **Amphoe Tap Khlo**

**Wat Tap Khlo** (วัดทับคล้อ หรือสวนพระโพธิสัตว์)

is located in Soi Thetsaban Thap Khlo 5, Tambon Thap Khlo. On the temple compound, there is a place for insight development practice. The place is beautiful, tranquil, and in a natural condition. Also located here is the Chaloe M Ratchakumari Public Library and the royal reception house of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn who came to preside over the opening ceremony of the Library on 1 February 1993.

### **Amphoe Pho Thale**

**Wat Hiranyaram or Wat Bang Khlan**

(วัดหิรัญญาราม หรือวัดบางคลาน)

Previously called “Wat Wang Tako”, this monastery is located in Amphoe Pho Tale on the bank of the Nan Kao River. One of the interesting things is antiques which have been collected long time ago. Most of the antiques were given by donors. Among them are Buddha images, votive tablets, pottery, etc. Its attractive building “Chai Bovon Museum” is a two storey structure in Mondop shape. The life size bronze statue of Luangpho Ngoen, the most revered Buddhist monk who used to stay at this monastery for the Buddhist Lent during the rainy season, is housed on the second floor. This museum is open 08.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m.





*Wat Hiranyaram*

Tel. 0 5666 9111, 08 9856 9192.

**To get there:** Take Highway No.1067, turn left for 8 kms.

### **Wat Ban Noi** (วัดบ้านน้อย)

is approximately 3 kms. off Highway No.1067, before reaching Wat Hiranyaram or Wat Bang Khlan. It is one of the temples that produces Luangpho Ngoen talismans, but the only one in Thailand which makes his statue in a woven-brass wire style. Believers are welcome to take such an auspicious object to worship at home. Contact can be made at Tel. 0 5665 9223

### **Nakhon Chaiyabowon Forest Park**

(วนอุทยานนครไชยวร)

is located in Mu 2, Ban Nong Dong, Tambon

Tha Sao, around 17 kms. from the town of Pho Thale. This is the last forest land of Phichit province. Large Yang trees can be densely found here. Numerous birds come to stay here during the cool season. Accommodation and facilities are on offer for visitors. This is also one of the training places of Phichit for learning about the environment and natural resource conservation.

### **Amphoe Bang Mun Nak**

**Wat Huay Khen** (วัดห้วยเขน)

located in Tambon Huay Khen, about 8 kms. far from Amphoe Bang Mun Nak on Bang Mun Nak-Wang Ngio Road. Within its ancient temple having be registered by the Fine Arts Department, there is an original mural painting



*Wat Huay Khen*

describing some part of the well-known story “Ramakien” or “Ramayana epics”.

### **Wat Tha Chang (วัดท่าช้าง)**

This monastery is located in Tambon Noen Makok, about 2 kms. far from Amphoe Bang Mun Nak. Within the compound, there is an ancient stone Buddha image. The giant elephant figures are easily noticed in front of this monastery.



*Wat Tha Chang*



## **Amphoe Sak Lek**

### **Wang Thap Sai Orchard** (สวนเกษตรวังทับไทร)

is located in Tambon Wang Thap Sai. This is a source of mango and the varieties of fruits. Visitors can visit the place and purchase the produce. The best time for a mango orchard tour is from January to May, while a Marian plum orchard tour is from February to March.

## **Amphoe Dong Charoen**

### **Dong Charoen Vineyard** (ไร่องุ่นดงเจริญ)

is located at 36, Mu 6, Tambon Wang Ngio, around 15 kms. from the Khachon Farm. Good species of grapes are grown on an area of 200 rais for fresh fruit and producing wine. An accommodation service is available. For further details, contact Tel. 0 2673 1153-4, 08 9960 2181.

## **Wat Samnak Khun Nen** (วัดสำนักขุนเณร)

is one of the famous temples of Phichit, which was built in a contemporary Thai style with a shady atmosphere. The master monk of the temple is Luangpho Khian Thammarakkhito (the monk of the sacred command of Wat Samnak Khun Nen), who was a renowned monk of Phichit at the same time as Luangpho Ngoen, and Luangpho Doem. Luangpho Khian passed away at the age of 108 years. He was famous for holiness, and miracle for safety and mercy. Nowadays there are still a lot of people coming to pay respect to him. Luangpho Khian was an excellent practitioner according to the Dhamma disciplines and an insightful meditation master. The temple also includes a local wisdom museum.

**To get there:** By train, get off at the Bang Mun Nak Station then take a public bus (Bang Mun Nak-Taling Chan route) from in front of the



Wat Samnak Khun Nen

station. By car, use Phahon Yothin Road and take Highway No. 32 to reach In Buri. Go on to the right road to Tak Fa (Highway No. 11) until reaching the Wang Ngio Intersection, make a left turn to Highway No. 1069 and go for a further distance of 14 kms.

## **EVENTS & FESTIVALS**

### **Luangpho Phet Respect-paying Fair and**

### **Red Cross Fair** (งานนมัสการหลวงพ่อเพชร และงาน

กาชาดพิจิตร), held at Wat Tha Luang, features the

worshipping ceremony of Luangpho Phet, local cultural performances, entertaining shows, Red Cross booths, exhibitions from the government and private sectors, floral floats parade from every district, local sports competitions, and “Luangpho Phet’s Miracle” light and sound show. For more information, please contact the Cultural Office of Phichit, Tel. 0 5661 2675-6, and Phichit Public Relations, Tel. 0 5661 1611.



Luangpho Phet Wat Tha Luang

**Phichit Long-Tailed Boat Race** (งานประเพณีแข่งเรือยาวพิจิตร) It is usually held annually on the first weekend of September at the bank of Nan River in front of Wat Tha Luang, Amphoe Mueang Phichit. The main objective is to conserve and promote the long standing traditional event over 100 years as an entity of Phichit. The features are boat racing and boat procession beauty contest which is regarded an exciting, joyful and colorful one.

**Kam Fa Tradition** (งานประเพณีกำฟ้า) is an important event of the villagers of Pa Daeng in Tambon Nong Phayom. The Thai Phuan ethnic group here has long observed the tradition on the second and third days of the waxing moon in the third lunar month (around February) to

pay respect to deities and kings. On the Kam Fa days, the Thai Phuan people will come back to their home to jointly make merit with their relatives, meet each other, and play folk games together.

**Mango, Maprang and Good Products of Amphoe Sak Lek Fair** (วันมะม่วงดัง มะปรางเด่น ของดีอำเภอสากเหล็ก) is held annually in March with cooperation from agriculturalists in every Tambon of Amphoe Sak Lek and all government agencies concerned. The event is aimed to develop agricultural produce and promote products of the communities. Activities include a display of selected mangoes and Marian plum for export, a cooking competition, a folk-style Muai Thai contest, a singing contest of Thai



*Phichit Long-Tailed Boat Race*

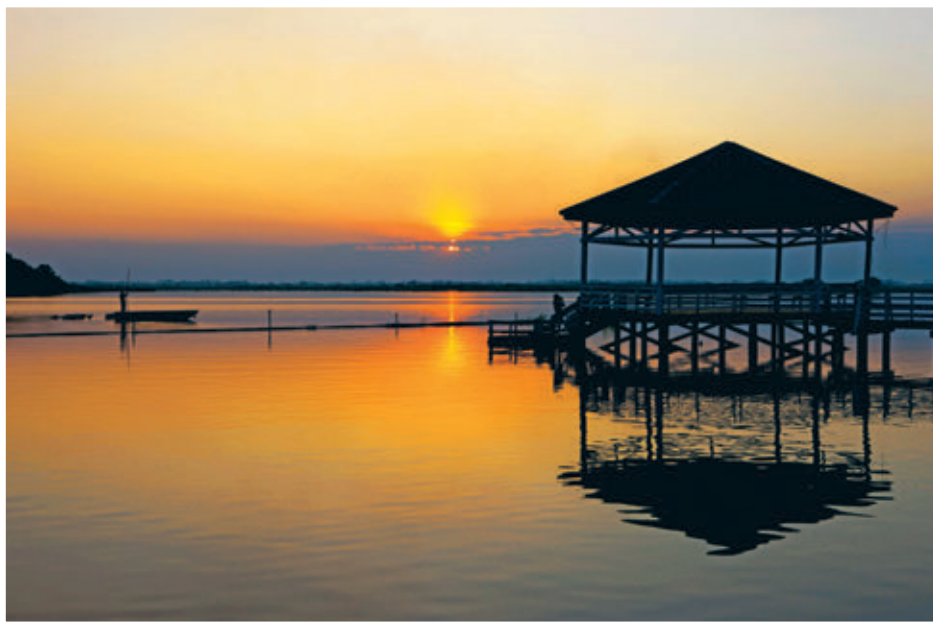
country songs, and many other interesting features.

***Tak Bat Thewo Rohana (Alms Offering Tradition) at Wat Phra Phutthabat Khao Sai*** (งานประเพณีตักบาตรเทโวโรหณะ

วัดพระพุทธบาทเขาราย) is a tradition that has been observed for more than 60 years, held annually on the second day of the waning moon in the eleventh lunar month. The festival highlight is that the Governor of Phichit will dress as “Thao Sakka Thewarat” (the Indra God) joining in the procession of Buddha images in

the designated postures for the 7 days of the week combining female deities dressed in designated colours for the 7 days of the week walking from the Phra Phutthabat (Buddha’s Footprints) mountaintop. People will make merit according to their astrological sign for good luck. “Thao Sakka Thewarat” and the female deities parade will march in front of more than 500 monks who will receive alms from over ten thousand people participating in this festival. It is believed that one who makes merit on this day will earn good fortune. The festival also includes booths, a fair, and entertaining performances.





*Bueng Si Fai*

## LOCAL PRODUCTS AND SOUVENIRS

### **Amulets** (พระเครื่องเมืองพิจิตร)

The amulets or votive tablets of Phichit are very popular. The votive tablets are said to be found in the area of the ancient town and most of them are of Sukhothai Period. The votive tablets are named after their places and appearances. Among consecrated coins, the favorite one of the amulet fonders is the bronze coin of Luangpho Ngoen, Wat Bang Khlan, which has been believed to provide safety and being proof against weapons.

### **The variety of Fruits**

Phichit is known as one of the fruit abundant provinces in Thailand. The variety of tropical fruits such as mango, jackfruits, santol, Pomelo, Marian Plum and sweet Berms grape visitors can have a chance to experience them all year round.

### **Hyacinth Wickerwork Products** (ผลิตภัณฑ์จักสานผักตบชวา)

The products can be found at Om Kao Group, which is located at Mu 3, Tambon Wang Lum, Amphoe Taphan Hin, Tel. 0 5664 1034, 08 1283 6835.

## EXAMPLES OF TOUR PROGRAMMES

### Programme 1 Phichit in 2 Days 1 Night

#### Day 1

- 06.00 a.m. - Depart from Bangkok.
- 11.00 a.m. - Visit the Phichit Provincial Museum; see the exhibition rooms telling the stories of Phichit province.
- 12.00 p.m. - Lunch.
- 01.30 p.m. - Go to The Old city Park, City Pillar Shrine, Wat Mahathat, and Tham Chalawan.
- 02.30 p.m. - Visit Bueng Si Fai, a large reservoir and Suan Somdech Phra, Srinagarindra, Ch a l a w a n , Crocodile King's figure, Phichit Public Aquarium Commemorating His Majesty's 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle Birthday, (Chaloen Phrakiat Aquarium), Queen Sirikit Park, 3D Waterfall, and Water Lily Park.
- 04.30 p.m. - Return to downtown Phichit. At leisure.

#### Day 2

- 08.00 a.m. - Visit Wat Tha Luang.
- 09.00 a.m. - Go to Wat Pho Prathap Chang, the birthplace of Somdet Phra Phutthachao Suea Wat Khao Rup Chan.
- Wat Khao Rup Chang, see the Ceylonese style stupa, situated on the mountaintop of superimposed white rocks that is shaped like an elephant, and an old Mondop in

a cruciform shape enshrining the bronze Buddha's Footprints. Inside are mural paintings of Trai Phum Phra Ruang, a Buddhist literature about the Three Worlds.

- 11.30 a.m. - Continue to Amphoe Taphan Hin, the picture of Phra Phuttha Ket Mongkhon or Luangpho To Statue.
- Stop for an old style Taphan Hin coffee at Koyi Shop/ have Thai noodle for lunch.
- 02.00 p.m. - Visit Wat Bang Khlan, and Nakhon Chai Bowon Museum.
- 03.00 p.m. - Return to Bangkok.

### Programme 2 Phitsanulok - Phichit (3 days, 2 nights)

#### Day 1

- 07.00 a.m. - Depart from Bangkok.
- 12.00 p.m. - Arrive in Phitsanulok.
- Lunch
- 01.00 p.m. - Visit Wat Phra Si Rattana Mahathat Woramahawihan.
- Take a city tour by riding a tram.
- 03.00 p.m. - Visit the Sgt. Maj. Thawee Folk Museum, a collection of daily utensils and historical background of Phitsanulok.
- 04.30 p.m. - Check-in at the hotel in Phitsanulok.
- 05.30 p.m. - Dinner.
- 06.30 p.m. - Shop at the Phitsanulok Night Bazaar.
- At leisure.



*Wat Pho Prathap Chang*

## **Day 2**

07.00 a.m. - Breakfast.

08.00 a.m. - Depart for Phichit.

09.30 a.m. - Arrive at Phichit.

- Visit Wat Khao Rup Chang, see the Ceylonese style stupa, situated on the mountaintop of superimposed white rocks that is shaped like an elephant and an old Mondop in a cruciform shape enshrining the bronze Buddha's Footprints. Inside are mural paintings of Trai Phum Phra Ruang, a Buddhist literature about the Three Worlds.

10.30 a.m. - Wat Pho Prathap Chang is an ancient temple built in the reign of Somdet Phra Suriyenthathipbodi or Phra Phutthachao Suea, king of Ayutthaya, as a memorial site as it is his birthplace. See the grand Wihan surrounded by two layer walls, which are in the Ayutthayan art style.

12.00 p.m. - Lunch at Pla Yai restaurant.

01.00 p.m. - Continue to The Old City Park, City Pillar Shrine, Wat Mahathat, and Chalawan Cave.

02.00 p.m. - Visit Phichit Provincial Museum, Wat Tha Luang. Observe the exhibition rooms that tell



the stories and historical background of Phichit.

- 03.00 p.m. - Take picture of Luangpho Phet, a beautiful Buddha image from the early age of Chiang Saen era dating 800 years and believed to possess a tremendous miracle and are sacred. Anyone who visits Phichit has to come to pay respect for their own good fortune.
- 04.00 p.m. - Bueng Si Fai, the third largest reservoir of the country. See Chalawan's figure, the legendary Crocodile King, feed fish, enjoy and take pictures of the amazing 3D waterfall, and Water Lily Park.
- 06.00 p.m. - Return to the accommodation. At leisure.

### Day 3

- 07.00 a.m. - Breakfast.
- 09.00 a.m. - Goto Wat Hiranyaram (Bang Khlan), and visit Nakhon Chai Bowon Museum.
- 10.00 a.m. - Depart for Amphoe Dong Charoen.
- 11.00 a.m. - Visit and shop for wickerwork hyacinth products by "Om Kaeo" Wickerwork Housewives Group, Ban Wang Lum.
- 12.00 p.m. - Have ostrich steak for lunch at Steak Hut Ban Khao Sai.
- 1.00 p.m. - Enjoy the biggest ostrich farm in Thailand at Khachon Farm.
- 03.00 p.m. - Visit Dong Charoen Vineyard.
- 04.00 p.m. - Return to Bangkok.

## FACILITIES IN PHICHIT Accommodations

*(The room rates mentioned in this brochure may be changed. Please ask for current information from each hotel when making reservation.)*

### Amphoe Mueang Phichit

**Lanna Bali Resort** (ลานนาบาฬี รีสอร์ท) 99 Mu 4 Tambon Ta Luang (Tel. 0 5665 0023, 08 0517 3890, 08 9706 8600), 38 rooms: 350-600 baht

**Oka-Nakorn** (โอฆะนคร) 2/91 Si Mala Road (Tel. 0 5661 1206, 0 5661 1674 Fax 0 5665 1002), www.oka-nakornhotel.com, 70 rooms: 350-1,500 baht

**Orchid Place** (ออคิด เฟลส) 24/115 Sra Luang Raod, Tambon Nai Mueang (Tel. 0 5661 5422-3), 40 rooms: 500 baht

**Phichit Plaza** (พิจิตร พลาซ่า) 9 Sa Luang Road Tambon Nai Mueang (Tel. 0 5661 3502-9 Fax 0 5661 3501), www.pichitplazahotel.net, 93 rooms: 600-3,500 baht

**Pim Wara** (พิมพรวรา) 139/149 Bueng Si Fai Raod (Tel. 0 5661 3800, 0 5661 5371), 50 rooms: 400-450 baht

**Si Mala** (ศรีมาลา) 2/84 Si Mala Road (Tel. 0 5661 1322), 18 rooms: 200-350 baht

**Sra Luang** (สระหลวง) 528-530 Butsaba Road (Tel. 0 5661 1278 Fax 0 5661 1278), 10 rooms: 350 baht

**The Resort** (เดอะรีสอร์ท) 999/1-8 Mu 1 Tambon Klang Dong, Bueng Si Fai Dong Klang Road (Tel. 0 5660 1329, 08 0517 3890 Fax 0 5660 1329), www.kumnuntuo.com, 25 Bungalows, 21 rooms: 300-450 baht

### Amphoe Sam Ngam

**Chaempen View Resort** (แชมเปญวิว รีสอร์ท) 35 Mu 2 Phichit-Sam Ngam Road (Tel. 0 5684

2360, 08 1888 8661), 27 rooms: 200-350 baht

### **Amphoe Taphan Hin**

**Chan Kra Phrip** (จันทร์กระพริบ) 31/2 Mu 8 Tambon Nong Phayom (Tel. 0 5662 4023, 0 5662 2301), 40 rooms: 350-400 baht

**Loet Dilok** (เลิศดิลก) 27/33 Saphan Rot Fai Road (Tel. 0 5662 1012 Fax 0 5662 2723) 17 rooms: 120 baht

**New Hua Hin** (นิวหัวหิน) 2/1-2/10 Ruam Chai Road (Tel. 0 5662 1282, 0 5662 1771-2 Fax 0 5662 1773), 82 rooms: 200-450 baht

**Premchai** (เปรมชัย) 80-86 Tambon Ruam Chai (Tel. 0 5662 1914), 11 rooms: 100 baht

**Rose Inn Taphan Hin** (โรส อินน์ ตะพานหิน) 57 Chomthirawet Road (Tel. 0 5662 1044, 0 5662 1237 Fax 0 5662 1084), 70 rooms: 350-1,500 baht

**Taphan Hin** (ตะพานหิน) 7/14 Udon Si Road (Tel. 0 5662 1124), 20 rooms: 150-200 baht

### **Amphoe Bang Mun Nak**

**Rim Nan** (ริม่าน) 1/37 Chuchoet Nan Road (Tel. 0 5663 1084), 16 rooms: 300-500 baht

**Thep Suni** (เทพสุนีย์) 278/1 Prawet Nua Road (Tel. 0 5663 1182), 10 rooms: 300-400 baht

### **Amphoe Tap Khlo**

**Steak Hut Baan Khaosai and Resort** (สเต็ก อีทบ้านเขาทรายแอนด์รีสอร์ท) 999/9 Mu 4 Khaosai-Tak Fa Raod, Tambon Khaosai (Tel. 0 5664 9259, 08 9706 9955, 08 1394 1192), 8 Bungalows: 800-1,000 baht

## **Restaurants**

### **Amphoe Mueang Phichit**

**Aeo Bakery and Food** (แอ้ว เบเกอรี่ แอนด์ ฟู้ด) 16/7 Chan Sawang Road, Tel. 0 5661 1617, 0 5661 1939

**Che Tim** (เจ็ดติม) Beside Bueng Si Fai, Tel. 08 1926 5120 (North Eastern food) Closed on Sunday

**Khao Kaeng Mayin** (ข้าวแกงมาอิน) 2/206-207 Si Mala Road Tel. 08 1887 8788, 08 1973 5580

**Khuan Khao** (ขวัญข้าว) 2/247-8 Si Mala Road, Tel. 0 5661 1159, 0 5665 0391 (Thai, Chinese food)

**Loet Rot** (เลิศรส) 522, 524 Butsaba Road, Tel. 0 5661 1297

**Oka Coffee Shop** (โออะ คอฟฟี่ช็อป) 2/91 Si Mala Road, in Oka-Nakhorn Hotel, Tel. 0 5661 1206

**Ploi** (พลอย) 39/41 Charoenphon Road, Tel. 0 5665 0154, 08 1675 2065

**Sabat Cho** (สะบัดช่อ) 31 Mu 4 Rop Bueng Road, Tel. 0 5661 1843, 08 9562 4727

**Steak Kamnun Tao** (สเต็กกำนันเต้า) 99 Mu 4 Tambon Ta Luang (Tel. 0 5665 0023)

**Thong Ek** (ทองเอก) in Phichit Plaza Hotel, Tel. 0 5661 3502-9

### **Amphoe Taphan Hin**

**Liang Hong Ki** (เลี้ยงหงษ์กี) 06-08 Sahamit Road, Tel. 0 5662 1316, Fax 0 5662 3316

**Rose Inn** (โรส อินน์) 57-59 Chomthirawet Road, Tel. 0 5662 1044, 0 5662 1237, 0 5662 1084

**Koyi Coffee** (กาแฟไคยี้) 11/8 Mathurot Nuea Road (Tel. 0 5662 1273, 08 1740 0300)

**Baan Ahan Kin Lom Chom Nan** (บ้านอาหารกินลมชมน่าน) 105/1 Mi 2 Tambon Huai Ket (Tel. 0 5666 2709, 08 9566 6939)



Wat Yang Sam Ton

### **Amphoe Bang Mun Nak**

**Ngo Chek Pi** (โรงเจ๊กปี) 20 NakaRet Road, Tel. 0 5663 1120, 08 6926 6390

**Pla Mae Nam** (ปลาแม่น้ำ) 108/1 Prawet Nuea Road, Tel. 0 5666 0097

**Pla Sabai Bang** (ปลาสดใบบาง) 1 Mu 8 Tambon Ho Krai, Tel. 0 5663 2013, 08 6930 3974 (open daily from 8.00 a.m.-9.00 p.m.)

### **Amphoe Tap Khlo**

**Steak Hut Baan Khaosai and Resort** (สเต็กฮัทบ้านเขาทรายแอนดริสอร์ท) 999/9 Mu 4 Khaosai-Tak Fa Raod, Tambon Khaosai (Tel. 0 5664 9259, 08 9706 9955, 08 1394 1192)

### **Amphoe Pho Prathap Chang**

**Chuan Phochana** (จวนโภชนา) 221/1 Mu 9 Tambon Pho Prathap Chang, Tel. 0 5668 9240

**Pla Yai** (ปลาใหญ่) 205/1 Mu 19 Tambon Thung Yai, Tel. 0 5660 1188, 08 6590 0129





*Wat Hiranyaram*

## USEFUL CALLS

Provincial Public Relation	Tel. 0 5661 1611
City Hall	Tel. 0 5661 2319
Mueang District Office	Tel. 0 5661 1147
Phichit Hospital	Tel. 0 5661 1355, 0 5661 1230
Phichit Police Station	Tel. 0 5661 1365, 0 5661 1519
Highway Police	Tel. 1193
Tourist Police	Tel. 1155
Phichit Tourist Association	Tel. 0 5661 1206



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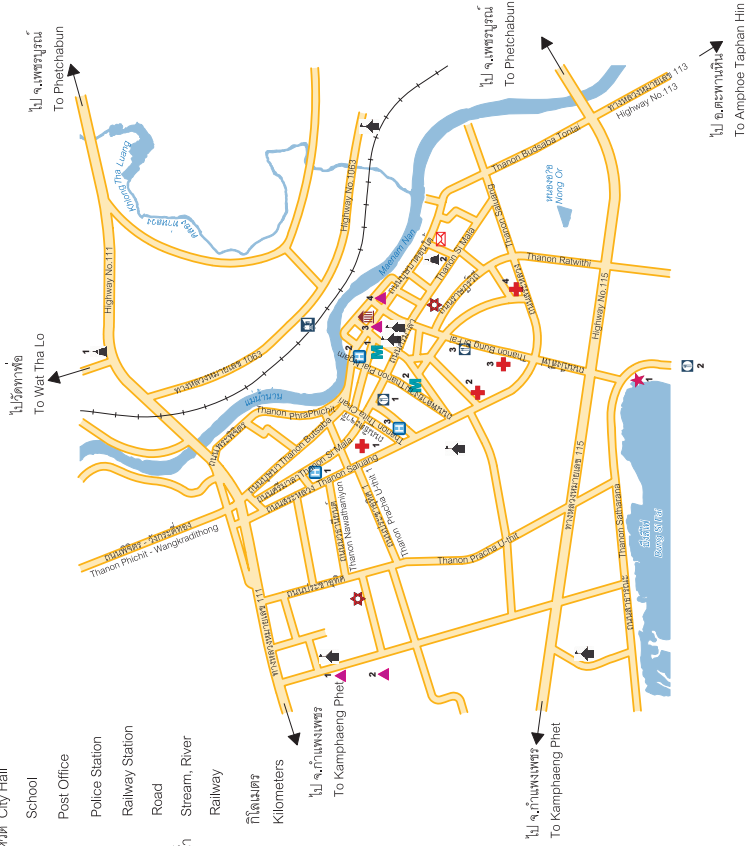
## PHICHIT CITY MAP

### สัญลักษณ์ Legend

- ศาลากลางจังหวัด City Hall
- โรงเรียน School
- ไปรษณีย์ Post Office
- สถานีตำรวจ Police Station
- สถานีรถไฟ Railway Station
- ถนน Road
- แม่น้ำ, แอ่งน้ำ Stream, River
- ทางรถไฟ Railway



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### โรงแรม Hotel

- โรงแรมโอเชียนคร O-ka Nakorn Hotel
- โรงแรมจิตร์วิลโล Chitvilai Hotel
- โรงแรมพิจิตร พลาซ่า Phichit Plaza Hotel

### วัด Temple (Wat)

- วัดจิตราราม Wat Wichitraram
- วัดท่าพลึง Wat Tha Luang

### โรงพยาบาล Hospital

- โรงพยาบาลสงฆ์พิจิตร Saha Wet Phichit Hospital
- โรงพยาบาลจังหวัด Phatharawat Hospital
- โรงพยาบาลจังหวัดพิจิตร Phichit Hospital
- โรงพยาบาลทันตเวช Thaisanawat Hospital

### ตลาด Market

- ตลาดสดเทศบาลเมืองพิจิตร Thetsaban Phichit Market
- ตลาดสดเทศบาล 2 Thetsaban 2 Market

### สถานที่สำคัญ Place of Interest

- วิทยาลัยเทคนิคพิจิตร Phichit Technical College
- สนามกีฬาจังหวัดพิจิตร Phichit Stadium
- สำนักงานเทศบาลเมืองพิจิตร Phichit Municipality Office
- ศาลจังหวัดพิจิตร Phichit Law Court

### ★ สถานที่ท่องเที่ยว Tourist Attraction

- สวนสมเด็จพระวันรัตน์รำไพจิตร Suan Somdet Phrasri Nakinrithra Phichit

### ร้านอาหาร Restaurant

- ร้านอาหารเมทิน Khao Kaeng Mayin Restaurant
- ร้านอาหารเจดิม Che Tim Restaurant
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